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## THE WAR.

### LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE GREAT STRUGGLE.

HINDENBURG ACCEPTING APPALLING SACRIFICES.

VAIN ATTEMPTS TO RECAPTURE LOST GROUND.

LONDON, April 28.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing on April 27, states:—

Since the battle began, reinforcements equaling almost the whole of the original defending force, have been poured in on the German positions. Field-Marshal von Hindenburg is throwing in reserves and accepting the appalling sacrifices in a vain effort to recapture the lost ground. Our adversaries in the Champagne are in no way restricting their bombardment which rages daily in most furious tornadoes of fire and shrapnel. The German attacks on the French positions which the French have maintained, despite the assaults by enormous masses of German infantry this week. It must be remembered that the battles in the Champagne and at Arras form two wings of a single strategical operation on a front which is really continuously active between Lens and Aubervicq, the French, for the time being, wearing down the German reserves.

HINDENBURG THROWING IN RESERVES.

DETERMINED BRITISH PRESSURE.

LONDON, April 28.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening states:—

On first and third armies were engaged to-day on a front of attack which extended from the Scarpe Valley northwards, to the east of Vimy. The main goal was the Oppy switch line, otherwise the Drocourt-Quenast line which had been hastily constructed on a northerly extension of the Hindenburg line. The fighting was fiercest between Oppy and Roex where there are numerous traverses, redoubts and machine-gun posts between our and the German positions and was the scene of fluctuating struggles as the determined British pressure met the most desperate counter-attacks.

It is reported that Field-Marshal von Hindenburg was so annoyed at the Vimy defeat that he is now throwing in his reserves and has ordered them to stand regardless of sacrifices. "There was nothing on the Somme to compare with the number and fury of the present counter-attacks, as, for instance, the counter-attack at Gavrelle to-day, which was the fifteenth since the Germans lost the place. Once near Oppy, five waves of Germans advanced, blindly facing an appalling fire, in an attempt to retake the lost positions. An explosive torrent of heavy shells gashed their ranks and the survivors who progressed were met by fieldgun fire and continuous sprays of Maxim rifle bullets, till the counter-attack utterly collapsed. Often the British rifles decided the rout of the Germans, but frequently there were deadly personal grapples in which bayonets were used, but more often the butts of the rifles. The muddy battlefield of last week disappeared and was replaced by clouds of dust obscuring the sunshine of the otherwise blue and golden day.

The British crossed the German line to the west of Oppy and from there to the village in the centre. The fighting went on throughout the day, especially at Greenland Hill, which is a knoll to the south-west of Oppy, overlooking the Scarpe Valley.

LONDON, April 29.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters states that the bitter fighting continued throughout yesterday night and to-day. The Germans are throwing in fresh troops at the vital points as fast as possible which our artillery is gradually subduing. Our machine-gun positions are favourably established in the Scarpe Valley.

A Roex was the scene of very bitter fighting owing to its tactical value, the enemy sacrificing men in droves trying to keep it out.

### WEARING DOWN THE ENEMY.

LONDON, April 29.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters says that doubtless the German communications will continue to make what capital they can out of the fact that we have not broken through, although none know better than the German High Command how misleading the phase of the battle really is. What we are doing is pressing back the Hun legions upon a front which has so far reached a length of fifty miles, and wearing them down as they go, until the stage must inevitably be reached when their powers of further resistance will be broken.

The complete defeat of the German army can only be accomplished by this process of destruction and the tactics of massed resistance are all hastening our approach to the only end which can glorify the great sacrifice.

### THE CAPTURE OF ARLEUX.

#### BRITISH PROGRESS.

LONDON, April 28.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—  
Severe fighting, in which we have had the advantage, has been in progress throughout the day from the Scarpe river to the Achille-Vimy road.

We captured Arleux-en-Gohelle and the enemy's positions on over two miles of front, to the north and south of the village. We also progressed to the north-east of Gavrelle and on the western slopes of Greenland Hill, between Gavrelle and Roex, and to the southward of the river.

We also gained ground to the northward of Monchy-le-Preux. The enemy, in many, violent counter-attacks, with considerable forces, suffered heavily from our artillery and machine-gun fire.

The heavy fighting in the neighbourhood of Roex and Oppy continues.

We captured several hundred prisoners. Four enemy aeroplanes were brought down. Three of ours are missing.

### COUNTER-ATTACK BROKEN UP.

LONDON, April 29.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—  
A strong counter-attack at night on our new positions to the northwards of Arleux-en-Gohelle was broken up.

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### NEARLY 1,000 PRISONERS TAKEN IN A DAY.

LONDON, April 29.

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The Honorable Mr. F. H. HOLYOAK will take the chair.

A. S. D. COUSLAND  
Hon. Secretary pro tem.  
Hongkong, April 27, 1917. 1738

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## THE WAR.

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## SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

Reuter's Service to the China Mail.

## THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

## CONCLUDING PART.

The following complete Mr. Lloyd George's speech at the Guildhall, the opening portions of which were printed in Saturday night's China Mail.

He had also brought practically the whole shipping of the country for the first time under complete control and a requisition that means that the ships of this country are going to be concentrated henceforth upon the essential vital trade of the country. (Cheers.) The shipping controller has so concentrated and arranged the traffic that although we are losing heavily in ships and, assuming that we shall still continue to lose at the same rate, in July we shall bring more cargo and tonnage into our ports than in March last. (Cheers.)

## THE OLD COUNTRY.

The Germans thought we were done but they did not know the race they were dealing with. When pressure is brought to bear on this old country, it somehow or other wins through and it is going to do it this time. (Cheers.) By the means I have mentioned, I have no hesitation, after daily investigating the Government reports, and looking at the whole thing in its worst as well as its best aspects, in saying that if the programme is carried out, which means that if everybody in the country does his duty, the German submarine campaign is beaten. (Cheers.)

But the public must stick to rations and farmers and labourers must cultivate the land. Workmen in shipyards and manufacturers must do their best to increase the supply of ships. If we carry out all those things faithfully, we can defy the very worst. (Cheers.)

Mr. Lloyd George proceeded to say that he dealt at length with this submarine question because it undoubtedly had drawn a great deal of attention, and the figures are alarming. But the Government had published them all because they wanted the public to know that the present Government concealed nothing from the public. Great Britain is a country you don't get the best out of until it knows the worst. (Laughter and Cheers.) That is true of any country with grit.

## WHAT THE WAR HAS TAUGHT.

Referring to the lessons the war had taught financiers, manufacturers, soldiers and sailors, the Premier continued: This great World convulsion has altered their ideas about trade and pursuits and the future of the country depends upon how much politicians have learned. (Cheers.) I have heard politicians who think that when the war is over the same old machinery will be re-established and the same old methods applied. People who don't know politicians think them wild revolutionaries. A wild revolutionary is the most reactionary person in the world. (Laughter and Cheers.)

Before the war there were five absolutely independent parties in this country. People are now discovering that none of these had a monopoly of wisdom or was the sole repository of political sagacity. People are realising that there are more things in heaven and earth than in the political philosophy of any of these parties. That is one of the revelations we had seen in the lurid fires of war. When the post-war reconstruction begins I hope, trust and pray that we are not to dive into the pigeon holes of any party for dust-laden precedents and programmes. Let us think out the best methods for ourselves in face of the searching facts, of which we knew nothing before the war.

We are a thousand years older and wiser since the war and the experience of generations has been crowded into just a few winters, and we should be unworthy of the great destiny to which Providence had called this generation if we threw

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away all that for the sake of formulas framed before the flood. (Hear, hear.) There is no part or sphere of state-manship which there is greater need for revised ideas than our attitude towards the great Commonwealth of Nations known as The British Empire. In the past we treated it as an abstraction—a glorious abstraction—but still an abstraction. The war has shown us all that the Empire is a fact, nay a factor—the most potent factor to-day in the struggle for human liberty.

## THE REALITY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

We sent 100,000 men to France in August, 1914. They turned the tide of history. (Cheers.) The Dominions and India contributed a million men. That has transformed our ideas regarding the reality and beneficence of the British Empire. (Loud Cheers.) The world cannot afford to let it be broken, but the choice must be between immediate concentration and ultimate dissolution. Things cannot remain where they were. It may be said that the shadowy character of the relations between us and the Dominions and the great territories of the East have produced this real cohesion. That was all very well before they made great sacrifices. They have now established claims to a real partnership.

Henceforth effective consultation must be only on the basis of co-operation. If our action brings them into trouble, as it has, and it costs them millions of precious lives, they must henceforth be consulted before we act. Methods must be carefully considered. A great war is not perhaps the best time for thinking new constitutions, but our counsels and our Empire must be a reality. The Imperial War Cabinet has been a demonstration of the value of this counsel. Our colleagues from the Dominions and India have not taken part in formal conference. They had a real share in our counsels and our decisions and have been a great source of strength and wisdom to our deliberations. (Cheers.)

They come here with fresh minds, having viewed the world conflict from different peaks. Minds running in the same course for a long time are apt to get rusty. The weightier the minds, the deeper the ruts. You require fresh minds to lift the cart out of the worn furrows, and we have had such minds and have had war decisions of the most reaching character, in which our overseas colleagues assisted us in the great problems regarding submarines, shipping and food, as well as in military decisions. All had been reviewed at the councils in which they participated, but we must do more.

## THE REAL VALUE OF EMPIRE.

We have been taught by the war the real value of Empire, and one of the first duties of the statesman of the future will be to take the necessary measures to aid in the development of the stupendous resources we possess. That ought to be our special care and our special pride, as it undoubtedly will be our special security. We want to develop the lands under the flag. (Cheers.) If fifty years ago we had directed our minds, power and influence in that direction you would now have had double the population the Dominions at present possess and have diverted emigration to the Dominions instead of to other lands. And you would also have attracted the virile populations of Europe.

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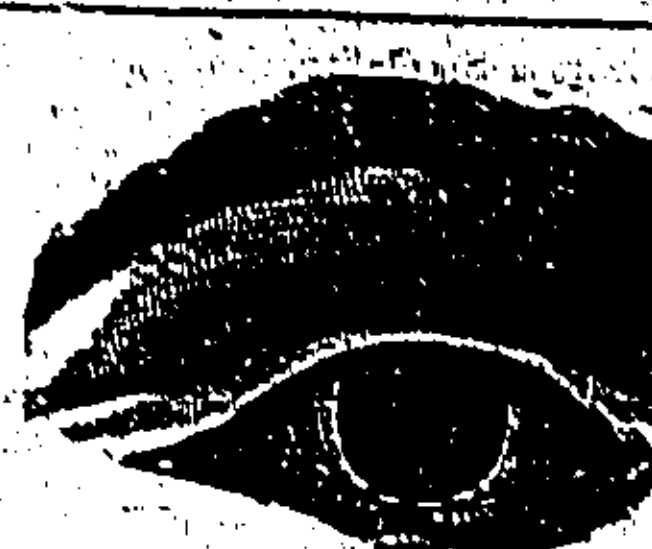
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Both in munition factories and on the land women are doing splendid work for Britain, often regardless of themselves.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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established not involving the imposition of food burdens. We believe it can be done without that; and of course, with food at its scarcest and dearest, this is not the time to talk of putting additional burdens on food.

But for the purpose of Preference that will not be essential. You can secure that by other means, particularly by taking measures which other lands have taken for improving communication between one part of their Dominions and another. By these means, the products of any one country inside this great Imperial Commonwealth can be brought more freely, more readily, and more economically to the markets of the other. The Empire has infinite resources of wealth in minerals and food products, timber and every commodity useful for man and it is obviously advantageous not merely to a particular country producing these products but to every other part, including the United Kingdom, that these commodities should be developed to the utmost.

This would enrich, strengthen and bind together the Empire as a whole.

## IRELAND AND INDIA.

Referring to Ireland, Mr. Lloyd George said the country must be converted from a suspicious, surly and dangerous neighbour to a cheerful and loyal comrade if we are to have a well knit and powerful Empire, and that is "essential for the peace of the world." Ireland is the one menacing prospect on the whole horizon. If he appealed for a settlement with Ireland it was because he knew from the facts driven into his mind every hour, that in America, Australia and every part, it was regarded as one of the essentials to a speedy victory, therefore he appealed to the patriotism of every man to sink everything for the purpose of solving the problem. (Cheers.) We must concentrate upon defeating the worst enemy we have ever encountered.

In conclusion the Prime Minister referred to the position of India. He said, Germany's greatest disappointment in this war, and she has had many—has been India. She expected sedition, distraction, disaffection and disloyalty, and that the forces of Great Britain would be absorbed upon the task of subduing and suppressing these. "What did she find? Eager and enthusiastic loyalty and help for the Empire, and I think India is entitled to ask that these loyal myriads should feel not as if they are a subject race in the Empire, but a partner of the nation. All these questions require bold statesmanship."

## THE PREMIER'S PERORATION.

Timidity, timorousness and faint-heartedness are abhorrent in peace, but they are fatal in war.

Great Britain had faced the problem of war with amazing courage; she must face problems of peace in the same great spirit.

I thank you my Lord Mayor and council of this great city, not merely for the personal honour, but for the encouragement coming from seeing men, who once fought each other, working side by side for the greatest end. May that comradeship endure not merely to a triumphant victory, but until the devastation war has been repaired and the fruits of a glorious victory have been gathered. (Prolonged Cheers.)

## A FURTHER SPEECH BY THE PREMIER.

London, April 27.

Speaking again subsequent to the luncheon, Mr. Lloyd George said: "I don't want anyone to feel that things being all right, there is nothing more to do. That is one of the real difficulties of exaggeration, and causes panic. On the contrary, if things are painted in their true colours by saying that we can pull through with an effort, people will say, let somebody else make the effort and I will do the pulling through. Success is assured if everyone does his share. During the war I have side-tracked politics because a great war is like a serious illness when ordinary vocations must be neglected and you must concentrate on meeting the dread enemy eating at your vitals. My experience of the five months I have been Premier is that we have received help from men of

## every party. Men who put party

every party. Men who put party victory before war victory are very few, nevertheless sometimes you feel that the party is there. I am not going to make an application, but those thinking that all party feeling is so completely submerged that we can sail over the whole ocean with impunity have only got to watch and they will see here a little swirl and there a ragged rock. We will endeavour to avoid them, and we will hug them, but if we find them impeding the nation's navigation there is enough explosive in the temper of this land to blow them up and fetch the cargo safely through." (Cheers.)

## GRAVE LABOUR SITUATION IN GERMANY.

London, April 27.

The Press Bureau announces that a wireless message states that von Bethmann-Hollweg sent a letter to the Government in the German Empire in February, emphasising the necessity of uninterrupted labour on war industries. He declared that whoever attacks the brave warriors at the front in the back, would be punished with the full force of the law.

## LATVIA.

A Berlin report says that Herr Groener stated in the Reichstag that he would have considered the question of lightening the workman's labours but for the impudent telegram sent to the Leipzig Labour Conference, to Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, making political demands, including the establishment of a Labour Council on the Russian model. Herr Groener said that this was madness, and he concluded by announcing his intention to placard the whole of Germany with a proclamation denouncing the cessation of strikes and intimating that political traitors would be ruthlessly punished.

The Socialist Davidson promised Herr Groener that forcible repression of the workmen's demands would not succeed.

## AMSTERDAM, April 27.

A Berlin report states that Herr Groener's proclamation calls the patriotic war workers to act ruthlessly towards agitators. He says: "Who dares to defy Hindenburg's call? He is a scoundrel who strikes."

## GERMAN SOCIALISTS AND LABOUR DAY.

AMSTERDAM, April 27.

The Independent Socialist Party has passed a resolution inviting the workpeople, on May 1, to demand an eight hour day, world peace and international fraternisation.

The Tagblatt regards it as an invitation to celebrate the day by a strike.

## THE GREAT BATTLE.

## MARKED AIR ACTIVITY ON THE BATTLE FRONT.

London, April 27.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Nothing of special interest has occurred on the battle front although there is a marked air activity. Seven German aeroplanes were brought down and six others were driven down. Six of ours are missing.

## THE FRENCH FRONT.

A French communiqué reports:—

There was marked reciprocal artillery activity to the north-west of Rheims and in the Champagne, but no infantry actions.

Three German aeroplanes were brought down on April 26, and an additional six were seriously damaged and forced to descend. "One of our air squadrons bombed stations and bivouacs in the regions of Ribemont and Crecy sur Terre."

## UNPRECEDENTED ARTILLERY.

London, April 27.

Mr. Kellaway, one of the Parliamentary secretaries to the Ministry of Munitions, mentioned in the House of Commons that the heavy shells fired during the first week of the Arras offensive were nearly double the number fired in the first week on the Somme offensive, while in the second week, six and a half times the number of shells were fired in excess of the number fired during the corresponding week on the Somme. This is unprecedented in the whole war.

## THE UNITED STATES ARMY BILL.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S PROPOSED VOLUNTEER FORCE.

WASHINGTON, April 27.

The House of Representatives is debating the Army Bill. It defeated an amendment to authorise Colonel Roosevelt to raise a volunteer force or France by 170 votes to 100.

## RUSSIAN GENERALS REPLACED.

Petrograd, April 27.

Following M. Guchkov's visit to the south western front, 23 Generals, including divisional commanders, have been replaced.

## SHELL EXPLODES IN A MUNITION FACTORY.

London, April 27.

The Press Bureau announces that a six-inch shell exploded in a munitions works in Scotland, injuring a man and eleven women. Three of the latter succumbed to their injuries. There was no material damage done.

## THE RAMSGATE BOMBARDMENT.

HEAVIEST EXPERIENCED.

London, April 27.

The bombardment of Ramsgate was the heaviest experienced there. It opened at 2.15 with a brilliant display of starshells illuminating the whole town and neighbourhood. At least 100 shells fell into the town in six minutes. A man and a woman were killed in their beds, and a horse was killed in a village two miles from the sea.

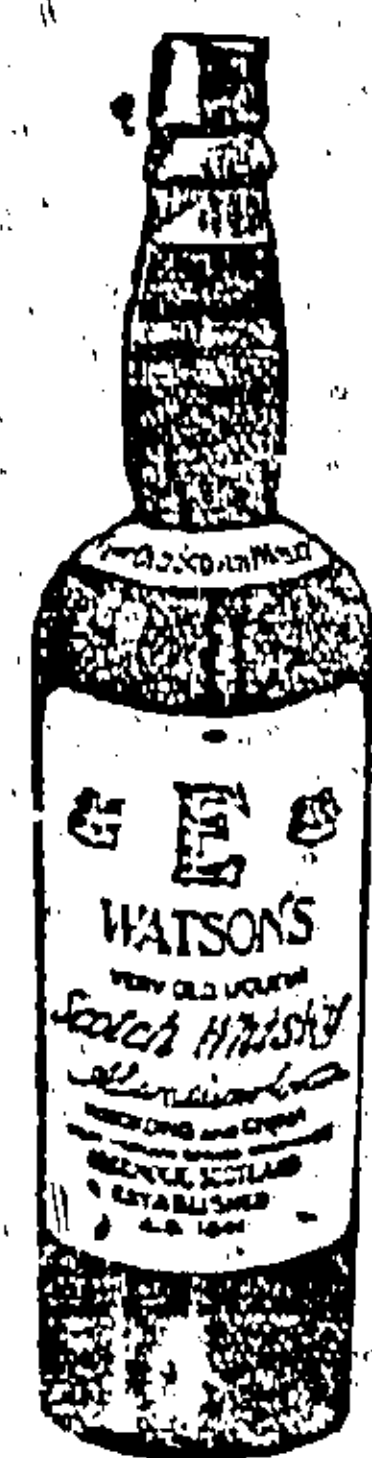
## H.M.S. TRIUMPH AND USK.

CLAIM FOR PRIZE MONEY.

London, April 28.

The Prize Court has reserved judgment in the claim of the Commanders of H.M.S. *Triumph* and H.M.S. *Usk* for £6,000 as bounty in connection with the sinking of seven enemy ships at Tsingtau. The Crown contended that the co-operation of the naval and military forces destroyed the navy's title to bounty.





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FROM This Date and during the  
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perform the duties of the General  
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By Order of the Board,  
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General Manager.  
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Hongkong, April 30, 1917. 1751

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## THE CALENDAR.

### MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

10 a.m.—Exhibition of War Work by  
Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.  
3.45 p.m.—Sanitary Board Meeting.

### General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, May 2.—  
Meeting of the E.K. Overseas Club.  
THURSDAY, May 3.—  
Noon.—Canton Insurance Office's  
Meeting.  
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Con-  
stitutional Reform Association of  
Hongkong.  
FRIDAY, May 4.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household  
Furniture, etc., etc., at Messrs.  
Hughes and Hough's.  
SATURDAY, May 5.—  
Noon.—Hongkong Electric Co.'s  
Meeting.  
SUNDAY, May 6.—  
Accession of King George (1910).  
WEDNESDAY, May 9.—  
Proclamation of King George V.  
10.45 a.m.—Full Moon.  
Noon.—Indo-China Steam Nav. Co.'s  
Meeting.

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western front is demanding the utmost  
concentration of all available forces  
there. The knowledge that the  
authorities are prepared to cope with  
the expected trouble may lead to  
a change of plans on the part  
of the Labour organizations, but  
the trouble is there, like bubbling  
lava, and the repressive action taken  
by the authorities is likely to make  
the eruption only more certain.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Dr. and Mrs. Stedman left today  
for the North on a two months' trip.

The Police have recovered a gold  
finger ring bearing the inscription  
"Your Davil" on the inside. The  
owner should apply to Mr. King,  
Assistant Superintendent of Police.

A Chinese manager of a saw mill  
has reported to the Police that between  
midnight and two o'clock this morning,  
someone broke open the back door of his  
residence at No. 72 Queen's Road  
Central and stole money and jewellery,  
to the total value of \$3,013.

The cases of communicable disease  
reported in the Colony last week were:  
Bubonic plague, one case (Chinese);  
which proved fatal. Diphtheria, 3 cases  
with 2 deaths (1 Indian and the rest  
Chinese); and enteric fever, 3 cases with  
one death (all Chinese).

The death has occurred of Mr.  
Robert P. Porter, a well known mem-  
ber of The Times staff. He was the  
author of numerous books, including  
"The Full Recognition of Japan" (1911).  
He was completing a short history of  
Japan for the Oxford University Press  
at the time of his death.

In the Summary Court this morn-  
ing, before Sir William Rees Davies,  
Chief Justice, Yuen Kut, trading as The  
Yuen Chai Kee Firm, claimed from The  
Yuen Fat Cheung Firm (Yue Yip Sang  
and Yue Shiu partners thereof) the sum  
of \$1,118.25, being the amount due for  
goods sold and delivered. The plaintiff  
waived the amount of \$118.25 in  
order to bring this action within  
the summary jurisdiction of the  
Court. Mr. E. Davidson appeared for  
the plaintiff and the defendant was not  
represented. Owing to the non-atten-  
dance of the plaintiff, the Court was  
adjourned, but the case subsequently  
came before His Lordship in Chambers.  
His Lordship found for the plaintiff.

"Old Moore" is still among the  
prophets of modern times, but faith in  
him is shaken by the following prediction  
for the month of April.—"We  
may be somewhat disturbed towards  
the end of the month by cables from  
abroad containing much alarming news  
from one of the British settlements in  
China. For some time past there has  
been considerable unrest among the  
British portion of the residents there,  
strange rumours have been set afoot,  
whilst warnings and signs have been  
placed upon the dwellings of the well-  
to-do classes. The Government have  
the matter in hand, and it is not unlikely  
a gunboat or two will appear upon the  
scene."

### A ROBBERY IN KO SHING STREET.

A shop coolie, employed at No. 53  
Queen's Road West, has reported to the  
Police that at about 6 p.m. on the 28th  
instant, whilst passing No. 4, Ko Shing  
street, on his way to a shop in West  
Point, he was set upon by three men  
who assaulted him and robbed him of  
\$2,000 in bank notes, which had been  
entrusted to him by his master. It was  
found necessary to remove the un-  
fortunate shop coolie to the Government  
Civil Hospital and seven men have been  
arrested on suspicion.

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Douglases	330 p.m.
Indo Def.	65 sellers
China Sugars	1132 buyers
Langkats	1132 buyers
Kung Yis	144 sellers
Shanghai Cottons	190 buyers
Yangtzepeccos	570 sellers

### A PARENT'S DUTY.

YOUR boy is always getting scratched  
or cut or bruised. Because these  
wounds have healed all right is no sign  
they always will. Get a bottle of  
Chamberlain's Pain Balm and see that  
every injury is cared for immediately.  
You can get nothing better, and blood  
poison is too dangerous a disease to risk.  
For sale by all Chemists and Store-  
keepers.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

### THE OLD EXCUSE.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning,  
a Chinese woman, arrested in Connaught  
Road Central, was charged with the  
unlawful possession of 24 tael of  
prepared opium other than Government  
opium.

The defendant gave the old excuse  
that she was merely employed to carry  
the opium and His Worship imposed a  
fine of \$1,500 with the alternative of  
six months' hard labour.

### A LATE HUSBAND.

A boatwoman was charged before Mr.  
Wood this morning with the unlawful  
possession of 110 tael of prepared  
opium other than Government opium.

Mr. Grist who appeared as solicitor  
for the defendant, applied for a remand,  
explaining, to the magistrate that a  
friend of his client's husband had  
brought the opium aboard the defend-  
ant's junk and, therefore, he (Mr. Grist)  
wished to find the husband, in order to  
trace the friend.

Inspector Gordon: Your worship, the  
defendant informed me that her husband  
was dead.

Mr. Grist: Oh! well, in that case  
I'll have to employ other means of  
locating the friend of my client's late  
husband.

His worship granted Mr. Grist's  
application and adjourned the case until  
next Friday.

### SHOES WITH FALSE HEELS.

A Chinese seaman, arrested at the  
Leung Wing Wharf yesterday, was  
charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this  
morning with the unlawful possession  
of four tael of prepared opium other  
than Government opium.

Revenue Officer Clark produced the  
defendant's shoes and showed the  
magistrate where the heels had been  
hollowed out and covered with a false  
sole. He (Revenue Officer) Clarke  
then explained that the opium was  
discovered concealed in the hollow heels.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the  
charge and was fined \$400, or in default  
of payment, sentenced to three months'  
hard labour.

### A FIGHT BETWEEN TWO GUILDS.

As the result of a fight between the  
respective members of two rattan guilds,  
which occurred in Queen's Road Central  
yesterday, a Chinese rattan worker was  
arrested on the charge of assault and  
brought before Mr. Wood this morning.

Inspector O'Sullivan stated that the  
defendant was caught running away  
from the scene of the fight with an iron  
bar in his hand and it was alleged that he  
stabbed the complainant, a resident of  
No. 363 Queen's Road West, who had  
to be taken to the Government Civil  
Hospital.

On the application of Mr. Crew, who  
appeared as solicitor for the defendant,  
the case was adjourned until next Mon-  
day, bail being fixed at \$500.

### A VIOLENT JAPANESE.

Yoichi Kakehashi, a Japanese hawk-  
er, residing at No. 1 Mullory street, was  
before Mr. Wood this morning charged  
firstly with being drunk and disorderly  
in Vanehall, and secondly with assault-  
ing an Indian constable (P.C. B393)  
while the latter was engaged in the  
execution of his duty.

Inspector Sim stated that even after  
the defendant had been taken into  
custody he continued to put up a violent  
resistance.

"He acted wildly" added Sergeant  
McWalter. "When he was brought  
into No. 2 Police Station he tried to  
clean out the Police Station."

The defendant admitted that he was  
under the influence of liquor at the time  
of his arrest and said that he could not  
remember what had happened.

His Worship sentenced the defendant  
to two months' hard labour, and ordered  
that he pay \$150 compensation to  
police constable B393 for having damaged  
the policeman's uniform and broken  
his whistle chain.

ANOTHER SEQUEL TO THE  
RECENT RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

The station master of Sha-Tin Rail-  
way Station was summoned before Mr.  
Wood this morning and fined one dollar  
for failing to immediately notify the  
Police, subsequent to the accident which  
recently occurred on the Kowloon-  
Canton Railway near Sha-Tin.

It will be remembered that the  
disaster resulted in the injury of a  
number of coolies, two of whom died of  
their injuries at the Government Civil  
Hospital.

The Captain Superintendent of Police  
(the Hon. Mr. McE. Messer), who appear-  
ed in Court this morning to prosecute the  
defendant, stated that had the Police  
been immediately notified of the accident,  
medical aid would have arrived on the  
scene of the disaster fully two hours  
sooner than it did arrive and according  
to the doctors in charge of the injured  
coolies, this difference of time might  
have saved the lives of the two  
deceased.

## A DISABLED SHIP IN THE CHINA SEA.

### THE "TUNGSHING'S" EXPERIENCES.

The s.s. *Tungshing* Captain La  
F. Hussey, one of the Indo-  
China steamers, had an unpleas-  
ant experience on her last trip  
down to Saigon. Two days out from  
Hongkong the tail end of her shaft  
broke. A son anchor was construct-  
ed, but broke soon after being put  
out and the ship drifted away from  
the usual steamer tracks in the  
direction of Hainan which was about  
fifty miles away. Volunteers to man  
a life boat for the purpose of reach-  
ing Hainan to summon assistance  
were called for, and Mr. Short (Chief  
Officer), Mr. Jackson (third engineer)  
and six Chinese manned the boat  
and put off from the ship. This was  
on the 26th March. The following  
day the swell increased and the ship  
rolled to such an extent that deck  
cargo had to be jettisoned. There  
was great relief on board when later  
a steamer's lights were observed.  
Distress signals were made, but to  
the dismay of those on board the  
*Tungshing*, no notice was taken of  
them by the passing steamer. Some  
hours later another steamer was  
observed coming from the south and  
she was asked by signal to take the  
disabled steamer in tow, but she  
replied that she could not take the  
tow, being short of coal. The *Tung-  
shing* signalled that she could bunker  
her but the vessel passed on, saying  
that she would report at Hongkong.

Two days later the *Jehangir* passed  
about two or three miles off, but took  
no notice of the *Tungshing's* distress  
signals.

Later they succeeded in attracting  
the attention of the steamer *Chefoo*,  
bound to Saigon, and this steamer  
stood by till daylight. On account  
of the high sea rolling she was afraid,  
however, at first to undertake the  
tow, but ultimately decided to make  
the attempt, and she successfully  
towed the *Tungshing* to Pilot Bay  
where both ships anchored, and  
cables were sent to Saigon for a tow-  
boat to take the ship up the river.

The *Tungshing*, which left Hong-  
kong on March 23rd reached Saigon  
on April 4th.

There were about 120 Chinese  
passengers and two saloon passengers  
on board, and the ship carried about  
100 tons of cargo. One of the saloon  
passengers happened to be a ship's  
officer, Mr. Berg Petersen, second  
officer of the *Duffin*, and he readily  
volunteered his help.

### QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD.

EXHIBITION AT THE CITY  
HALL TO-MORROW.

To-morrow, from 10 a.m. until  
6 p.m., there will be an exhibition  
at the City Hall an interesting col-  
lection of specimens of the war work  
which is being done by the many  
ladies' organisations in the Colony  
affiliated with the Queen Mary's  
Needlework Guild.

There is great variety in the work  
and the exhibition will interest men  
and women alike. On separate  
tables the work of about a dozen  
different organisations will be dis-  
played. In one room there are  
hospital requisites of many kinds  
made by the Catholic Women's  
League and the organisations work-  
ing at the Helena May Institute,  
Peak Club and U.S.R.C.; in the  
principal room there is a great variety  
of work done from the following  
organisations:—City Hall, Wesleyan  
Church, Naval Dockyard, Union  
Church, Italian Convent, Unity  
Working Party, the "Little Bit"  
Party and Chinese Ladies' Work  
Party. Most of the work is intended  
for disabled soldiers and sailors, but  
the "Unity" Stall provides a very  
miscellaneous assortment of gar-  
ments for men, women and children  
who have been rendered destitute  
by the war. These garments are  
made by the working party from old  
clothes sent to them, and we are  
asked to say that such gifts for this  
purpose will be gladly received.

They may be sent to Mr. J. R.  
Capell, c/o Messrs. A. S. Watson  
& Co.

Features at the Union Church stall  
are socks and other things excellently  
knitted by a "boy" in the employ  
of Mrs. Milroy.

Two cases of work may be seen  
in another room packed ready for  
despatch. It may be mentioned that  
all the washing is generously done  
by the Steam Laundry Co. free of  
charge.

There will be no charge for admis-  
sion but tea and refreshments may  
be had at the nominal charge of 20  
cents. The Dairy Farm has very  
generously given milk, butter and  
ham for sandwiches.

There are one or two things to be  
raffled, including an embroidered  
picture by Mrs. Skelton, and a gold  
bracelet and travelling clock present-  
ed by the Chinese Ladies' Work  
Party.

## SPORT

### ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

#### CLOSING CRUISE.

Far from ideal weather favoured  
the closing cruise of the Yacht Club's  
season on Saturday afternoon. There  
was plenty of breeze but there were  
also heavy downpours of rain and the  
competitors got well drenched.

There were three events for yachts  
sailed by ladies, for prizes offered by  
H.E. The Governor who is Patron of the  
Club.

*Dione*, sailed by Miss Iris and  
Miss Dione May won the race in the  
Handicap Class, *Bolla*, sailed by Miss  
Denison being second. The winner's  
time was 4h. 5m. 43sec. The second  
boat's time was 4h. 5m. 43sec. (cor-  
rected time, 4h. 8m. 4sec.).

In the One Design Class the race  
was won by *Daphne*, sailed by Mr.  
and Mrs. Stoneham. Time: 4h.  
31m. 43sec. The second place was  
secured by *Bonita*, sailed by Miss  
Main. Time: 4h. 34m. 53sec.

The Heyward Hays and Gael  
Class race was won by *Lybeth*  
(scratch), sailed by Mrs. Sandeman;  
and the second prize went to *Dawn*,  
sailed by Mrs. Petley. The winner's  
time was 4h. 47m. 11sec., the second  
boat 4h. 51m. 8sec. (corrected time:  
4h. 53m. 29sec.).

The Commodore of the Club (the  
Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.) in  
asking Lady May to distribute the  
prizes, said the Club had had a fairly  
successful season, and he took advan-  
tage of the occasion to congratulate  
the winners of prizes and to thank  
Mr. D. K. Blair, the Hon. Secre-  
tary of Sailing Committee, for the  
valuable services he had rendered  
during the season, and also Mr. T.  
Loughlin, the Hon. Treasurer of the  
Club.

The following prizes were pre-  
sented:—

Championship prizes:—Cruiser  
class, Chinese rig, 1st, *Dorothy II*,  
Messrs. Denison and Crisp; Cruiser  
class, English rig, 1st, *Irene*, Mr.  
B. Sutherland; Handicap class, 1st,  
*Bolla*, Messrs. G. Potts and P. C.  
Potts; Handicap class, 2nd,  
*Dione*, Misses Phoebe and Iris May;  
One Design class, 1st, *Daphne*, Mr.  
F. N. Smyth; Heyward Hays and  
Gael class, 1st, *Lybeth*, Comdr.  
Sandeman, R.N.

Other prizes:—Rolla prize, *Dione*,  
Misses Phoebe and Iris May; Com-  
modore's Sandeman's prize, *Dione*,  
Miss Iris May; Lyeth prize, *Dawn*,  
Mr. E. M. Sleight; Daphne prize,  
*Bonita*, Mr. N. Croucher; Com-  
modore's Cup, Cruiser class, *Irene*,  
Mr. B. Sutherland; Commodore's  
Cup Racing Yachts *Bolla*, Messrs.  
G. Potts and P. C. Potts; The  
"Unprovided Pot" (1916), *Bolla*,  
Mr. P. C. Potts.

Lady May, after distributing the  
prizes was presented by little Diana  
Arthur with a lovely bouquet of  
flowers in a silver holder, and Mr.  
A. Denison, in a brief speech, cor-  
dially thanked Lady May for pre-  
sented the prizes, and also expressed  
the thanks of the Club to those who  
had given prizes for competition.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Owing to the unsuitable weather con-  
ditions, the exhibition match between  
the Royal Engineers and "The Rest",  
which was to have been played last  
Saturday, was postponed, and will be  
played on Saturday next at 5 p.m.  
The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak has again  
kindly consented to be present and will  
present the Cup and medals to the Royal  
Engineers' team who are the winners of  
the Hongkong League, after the con-  
clusion of the game.

### THE BRIBERY SCANDAL AT PEKING.

BARBAROUS TREATMENT OF  
DR. OHEN CHIN-TAO.

Under this heading the *Peking Gazette*  
of April 21st says:—

"Dr. Chen Chin-tao (late Minister of  
Finance) is being subjected to the most  
ignominious treatment at the hands of  
the Authorities. He was arrested on  
Thursday in pursuance of the Mandate  
issuing his dismissal and immediately  
brought up before the Local Pro-  
curatorate for preliminary examination.  
An effort was then made to secure his  
release on bail which failed, owing to  
the refusal of the Judge of the Local  
Procuratorate, who—according to the  
*Peking Daily News*—has received strict  
instructions from those above him in the  
matter." My one—not even members of  
his family—is allowed to see him even  
in connexion with the case, his private  
affairs, or official business. The Vice-  
Minister of Finance, who is now in  
charge of the affairs of the Ministry as  
well as Mr. Hu En-yuan, Governor of  
the Bank of China, called to see him but  
were refused admittance to the room in  
which he is incarcerated.

"We say that this outrageous treat-  
ment of the Chen-tao is a scandal and a  
crime. No civilized government would  
be guilty of it."

## MILITARY CONFERENCE APPROVES WAR WITH GERMANY.

PEKING, April 30.  
The policy of declaring war on Ger-  
many has been unanimously approved  
by the Military Conference.  
The matter now awaits approval by  
parliament.

### DR. GILBERT REID ARRESTED.

PEKING, April 30.  
Dr. Gilbert Reid was arrested in  
Peking on the April 23 by a Marshall  
from the American Consulate at  
Tientsin, on a charge of libel against  
President Wilson.

He will be subjected to a preliminary  
hearing in Tientsin before being sent  
to Shanghai for trial.  
[Dr. Gilbert Reid has been conducting  
a newspaper called the *Pest*, which ap-  
pears to be run in German interests.—Ed.]

### THE NEW MINISTER OF FINANCE.

PEKING, April 30.  
The nomination of Li King Hsi as  
Minister of Finance has been passed by  
the Lower House by 260 votes to 172,  
after a heated debate.

### THE LATE MINISTER OF FINANCE.

PEKING, April 30.  
At the request of relatives of Dr.  
Chan Kam To, the Minister of Justice,  
instructed the local Court to release  
Chan Kam To from detention, on the  
ground that it was not essential to  
further detain him.  
The Court, however, has ignored this  
order, thus asserting its independence  
in the case.

### ANOTHER CHINESE BANK FOR HONGKONG.

PEKING, April 30.  
It has been decided to establish a  
branch of the Bank of China in Hong-  
kong.

### SHUM CHUN HSUN.

PEKING, April 30.  
Owing to the opposition raised, Shun  
Chan Hsun will not be appointed Tak-  
wan of Szechuen.

### THE CHINA MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

#### NEW LINER PURCHASED.

According to telegraphic advice  
received from the Head Office of the  
China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd., in San  
Francisco, that Company has purchased  
the steamer *Congress* from the Pacific  
Coast Steamship Co. When placed on  
the run this vessel will represent an  
outlay of \$1,500,000.—gold.

The *Congress* is a steel twin screw  
steamer of American Registry built  
by the New York Ship Building  
Company of Camden, New Jersey, in  
1913. She is an oil-burning steamer,  
fully equipped with wireless telegraphy,  
submarine signal apparatus, and etc.  
Her gross tonnage is 7,895 tons, net  
4,912. She is 424 ft. long and 55 ft.  
beam, and has accommodation for 120  
1st cabin, 100 second and 500 steerage  
passengers.

She is at present undergoing a com-  
plete overhaul in preparation for the  
Trans-Pacific trade, and it is expected  
that she will be in service about the 1st  
of November of this year.

### SCENES FROM SHAKESPEARE.

#### THE FINAL PERFORMANCE.

There were nearly as many people  
present to witness the last performance  
of the Scenes from Shakespeare as there  
were on the first occasion, practically  
every seat in the Theatre being occupied.  
It could not be said that any  
noticeable improvement characterised  
Saturday night's performance since the  
first presentation hardly left room for  
that, with the exception, perhaps, that  
one or two players who were inclined to  
be a trifle nervous on the first night had  
become used to their surroundings, and  
the various scenes were gone through  
in quite professional style. Mr.  
Sinclair as Hamlet, again distinguished  
himself by his masterly rendering of  
what is, perhaps, the most difficult  
character to impersonate in the whole  
of Shakespeare's works.

The players have every reason to  
congratulate themselves, for the  
production undoubtedly ranks with the  
finest local amateurs have produced.

A Flag Day story. A friend, calling  
on a Scottish friend of three partners about  
lunch time, found only two at home. "Are  
you coming out to lunch?" he asked.  
"Well, not yet." "But it is your usual  
time, isn't it?" "Ah, yes, but we cannot  
come just yet." "Is not Duncan?" "The  
flag is not up yet." "This is a Flag Day  
story. These things do not happen in Hong-  
kong."



## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE GREAT BATTLE.

## FRENCH COMMUNIQUE.

London, April 28.  
A Paris communiqué reports:—  
"There has been an intermittent artillery duel on most of the front. At times it was violent in the Alsace region. We progressed in the Ostel region and at Chemin-des-Dames, taking prisoners. Everywhere else it is quiet."

Two German aeroplanes were brought down and six others were forced to land damaged, on April 27.

London, April 29.  
A French communiqué reports:—  
"There were isolated operations, in the regions to the north and south of Courcy and to the north-west of Rheims. We took 150 prisoners and appreciably enlarged our positions."

There was a somewhat lively artillery duel in the Champagne, between Prunay and Auberville. Our detachments penetrated as far as the enemy's second line. At several points in upper Alsace, lively grenaading ended to our advantage and cost the Germans severe losses. We brought back some prisoners."

## GERMAN REPORTS.

London, April 28.  
A German official message, transmitted by wireless, reports:—

"On the battlefield at Arras to-day, the British, for the third time, failed completely in their attempt to break through the German lines. Strong attacks on a thirty kilometre front on both banks of the Scarpe failed."

London, April 29.  
A German official message, transmitted by wireless, reports:—

"The enemy's principal thrust to the north of the Scarpe yesterday, was against the positions between Arras and Roubaix where the battle was most violent. The British forced their way into Arras and Oppy and positions near Gravelle and Roubaix. We remained in a hand-to-hand struggle, the former positions, with the exception of Arras. A desperate battle also took place to the south of the Scarpe, where the British attacks failed heavily."

## CONSCRIPTION IN UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, April 29.  
The House of Representatives and the Senate have passed the Conscription Bill by 397 votes to 24, and 81 votes to 8 respectively.

## COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S INFANTRY.

SENATE ADOPTS THE AMENDMENT.

WASHINGTON, April 29.  
The Senate has adopted the amendment to the Conscription Bill authorizing Colonel Roosevelt to raise four infantry divisions for service in France.

## MARSHAL JOFFRE'S ADVICE TO AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, April 29.  
General Joffre has addressed a statement to the American people in which he impresses the need of an American army for France. The essential thing is an efficient unit to be sent as swiftly as possible without waiting to raise an army of half a million. Americans in the French army needed for training the American forces, might return to the United States.

## FIGHTING IN ASIATIC TURKEY.

London, April 29.  
A Russian official message, transmitted by wireless, reports:—  
"We recaptured the heights lost yesterday, in the direction of Erzingan. Turkish attempts to attack near Tekapinari, to the westward of Bolmer, were repelled."

## GERMAN SEAPLANES ON THE DANUBE.

London, April 29.  
A Berlin official dispatch states that German seaplanes, on April 26, bombed the port of Sulina on the Danube, causing serious fires in the harbour and on lighters. The machines returned safely despite violent anti-aircraft gun fire.

## HORSE RACING FIXTURES CANCELLED.

London, April 29.  
All horse racing fixtures, after May 4, have been cancelled in accordance with the Government's request.

## INDIA AND THE WAR.

London, April 29.  
At an Empire Press luncheon, Sir James Meston said that there was a time when it was thought that India had done less than she ought to have done. The reason India did not do more was that she was not told what to do. If India had known the position she would have done a great deal more with her resources of treasure, and in other ways. The whole of India was anxious to help. (Cheers.) India only wanted the lead to mobilise her great resources and place them unstintingly at the service of the Empire.

Sir James Meston dwelt on the courtesy of Mr. Chamberlain in assisting in the work of India's representatives to the Imperial Conference.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE GREAT OFFENSIVE.

## A FORTNIGHT'S CAPTURES BY THE FRENCH.

PARIS, April 28.  
A French communiqué states:—  
"There was a fairly great artillery duel in the Champagne."

Our machine-gun fire smashed up a German attack which was preceded by a violent bombardment east of Auberville."

Since the 16th inst. we have captured:—  
Heavy and field guns..... 175  
Machine guns..... 412  
Trench mortars..... 119  
Prisoners..... 20,760

## BRITISH CAPTURE ARLEUX.

## A TRULY HOMERIC BATTLE.

London, April 28.  
Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters reports that the British are attacking with magnificent ardour. They have occupied Arleux, and forced their way through half the village of Oppy.

The fighting is most bitter and of the fiercest nature. Counter-attacks are everywhere developing and the battle is becoming truly Homeric."

## BRITISH MAKE GOOD PROGRESS.

London, April 28.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—  
"We attacked this morning on the River Scarpe."

Our troops are meeting with considerable opposition, but are making good progress. Fighting continues."

## ENORMOUS ENEMY LOSSES.

Paris, April 28.  
A French Correspondent at the British Front gives figures showing the enormous German losses.

Most of the enemy units lost twenty per cent. of their effectives in the preliminary bombardments alone.

Altogether twelve Divisions were sent to the rear crippled."

## TERRIBLE DAYS.

London, April 28.  
"These are the terrible days for which we have been nearly three years preparing." Thus Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters sums up the battle. He adds:—"There is grim satisfaction that we are forcing a devastating battle upon the enemy."

Hindenburg has now no choice but to see he cannot withdraw his shaken masses faster than we can press them. We have now called the tune and the Germans must dance to it. The New Army glories in this, feeling that it is answering the talk of an inconclusive peace. The German casualties are tremendous."

## GERMAN REPORTS.

London, April 28.  
A German official report transmitted by wireless states:—  
"On both banks of the Scarpe the enemy continued their strong bombardment."

Several British attacks at Monchy yesterday at noon broke down with heavy losses."

The artillery battle between Loos and St. Quentin increased this morning to extreme violence."

The infantry battle recommenced afterwards along the whole front."

Three enemy aeroplanes and two balloons were brought down."

## THE BRITISH FOOD QUESTION.

London, April 27.  
The newspapers regard the food menace as most serious and publish appeals, including one from the Lord Mayor, for the most rigid economy and self-denial. They state the public would better realise the gravity of the situation if the figures of tonnage and cargoes were published."

The Times says it is understood that the Government sees no alternative to compulsory rationing."

The Controller's Department is already printing food tickets. Horse-racing will practically cease after next week in order to economise oats."

The Daily Mail says the country will accept no excuses if the Admiralty continues to permit the command of the sea to pass into the hands of the U-boat."

The Daily Express says the Admiralty must tackle the problem of preventing submarines from leaving their bases by laying improved mines."

## THE BALKANS.

## THE GREAT DIFFICULTIES OF THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

London, April 28.  
The description of the opening of the British offensive in the Balkans from Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters shows the extraordinary strength of the position which was not capable of being held, as mentioned, on the 25th inst. This consists of a series of hills and ridges, intersected by deep ravines and tortuous watercourses, the hills culminating in a giant rugged crest known as "The Dub" or "Five Fips," towering like a sinister spirit keeping a watchful eye on every part of our position. Apart from the natural advantages of this rocky mass it is protected by three distinct lines of defence running east and west, following the course of the deepest and rockiest ravine. In these hills there are also numerous subsidiary works, including deep wiring and abundant dug-outs, the whole supported by powerful artillery. Nevertheless, our lack of trenching has not prevented us from achieving our objective after unexpected opposition, but the enemy successfully counter-attacked in great strength before we could consolidate. However, the positions we retain give us an important salient which will facilitate our future task. Throughout our men fought with a dash and resourcefulness which is a sure earnest of ultimate victory."

## ACTIVITY IN THE BALKANS.

London, April 28.  
The British official report from Salonika says:—  
"A strong attack on Thursday night on the Dobru-Vardar front penetrated our trenches. An immediate counter-attack drove out the enemy, who left many dead."

## NO SEPARATE PEACE.

## ANOTHER RUSSIAN DECLARATION.

New York, April 28.  
Replying to a message from the leading American Jews urging that there should be no separate peace, M. Mikuloff has telegraphed that no Russian party had contemplated, nor could contemplate such an eventuality as a separate peace with a foreign aggressor."

## ANARCHIST HARANGUES IN RUSSIA.

Petrograd, April 28.  
The blue-jackets, soldiers and the great bulk of the public are tiring of the increasing anarchist open-air harangues by returned exiles whose journey to Petrograd has been facilitated by the German Government. It is not improbable that acts will soon succeed the complaints against them."

## TURKS AND KURDS INTENSELY ACTIVE.

London, April 28.  
A Russian official report transmitted by wireless says:—  
"In the direction of Erzindjan the Turks were intensely active, capturing a height south-eastward of Bana, and also, with the Kurds' support, a portion of the heights occupied by our advance posts."

## LAND CONCESSIONS FOR RUMANIAN SOLDIERS.

London, April 28.  
The Times Correspondent at Jassy telegraphs that the Cabinet Council has decided, with the concurrence of the Liberals and Conservatives, to divide among peasants who participated in the war six million acres of land belonging to large land-owners. Large Crown and State lands will be similarly divided, and universal suffrage will be established."

## THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.

Paris, April 28.  
The French Socialist Party has refused to send delegates to the International Socialist Conference at Stockholm, owing to the presence of Austro-German Socialists, who have made Socialism the accomplice of an aggressive Government. Such a conference could, at most, encourage attempts to secure a separate peace."

## SERIOUS STRIKES IN POLAND.

Zurich, April 28.  
There have been serious strikes at Warsaw and Lodz. There were many arrests."

## THE DOVER FIGHT.

London, April 28.  
The Press Bureau reports that His Majesty the King sent his congratulations to the Swift and the Broke on their Dover fight."

## GERMAN SUBMARINE BOMBARDS AN ALGERIAN PORT.

London, April 28.  
A Berlin official report states that a German submarine successfully bombarded the harbour works at Gueyve in Algeria, an important port for long-range enemy transports. A bridge was destroyed, and another was badly damaged."

## BIG BATTLE IN PALESTINE.

## PROCEEDING.

London, April 27.  
A report by General Massey, before Gaza dated April 21st, states:—  
"The biggest battle in the history of Palestine is proceeding."

We gained the first line, but apparently there will be a period of trench warfare before we reach the recent trench system which has converted Gaza into a very strong fortress."

An early decision must not be expected, as the Turkish position comprises extensive and deep trenches, pits, and a precipitous ravine intersecting the plain and the range of hills."

Describing the fighting, General Massey mentions that the British are using eleven-inch guns and tanks. He refers to Scottish troops and Anzac."

## FINANCIAL HELP FROM AMERICA.

Washington, April 28.  
It is officially indicated that America will finance the Entente to the extent at least of eighty, and possibly a hundred, millions sterling monthly."

It is estimated that the monthly needs of Great Britain are forty-five, France twenty-two, Russia twenty, and Italy ten millions sterling."

A tentative programme provided that practically every dollar advanced will be spent in the United States on food, munitions, etc."

## BRAZIL PROVIDES SHIPPING FACILITIES.

Rio de Janeiro, April 28.  
Congress, which opens on May 3rd, will decree, that a state of war with Germany exists, the confiscation of interned ships, and the opening of all Brazilian ports to the Allies."

## POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FROM LIBERIA.

London, April 28.  
It is most probable that Liberia will join the Allies in eliminating German trade and influence in West Africa and in finally suppressing the transmission of German wireless news there."

## PORTUGUESE ACTIVITY.

London, April 28.  
The new Portuguese Premier, Senhor Affonso Costa, states that a strong expedition will shortly disembark at Mozambique to co-operate in the complete defeat of the Germans in East Africa. The Premier also announced the arrival of Portuguese troops in France."

## BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

London, April 28.  
There is an increase in exports of £6,513,012 and a decrease in imports of £5,001,824 compared with March last year."

## THE IMPENDING ITALIAN OFFENSIVE.

London, April 28.  
Reuter learns from an authoritative Italian source that the Anglo-French offensive has destroyed the Austro-German hopes of invading Italy. The enemy are now anxiously awaiting the Italian offensive, for which the most elaborate preparations have been made. Bad weather so far has delayed operations but it is certain that General Cadorna will choose the most favourable opportunity for a smashing blow which may decide the issues of the war in the Near East."

## THE SUBMARINE WARFARE.

London, April 27.  
The Daily Chronicle regards the Admiralty's failure to deal with the submarine as most serious. It says older men at the Admiralty are still thinking of the naval problem in terms of the super-Dreadnoughts, with the result that the Navy is now, as for two years past, standing on the defensive. It also declares that the reorganisation of the Admiralty is an urgent national necessity. Young officers are needed on central staff work. Our eventual victory is undoubted, but it will be an unsatisfactory victory if it means our losing command of the sea."

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## THE SPIRIT OF FRANCE.

## THE NOBLE-MINDEDNESS OF THE POLLS.

London, April 27.  
A report by General Massey, before Gaza dated April 21st, states:—  
"The biggest battle in the history of Palestine is proceeding."

We gained the first line, but apparently there will be a period of trench warfare before we reach the recent trench system which has converted Gaza into a very strong fortress."

An early decision must not be expected, as the Turkish position comprises extensive and deep trenches, pits, and a precipitous ravine intersecting the plain and the range of hills."

Describing the fighting, General Massey mentions that the British are using eleven-inch guns and tanks. He refers to Scottish troops and Anzac."

## FINANCIAL HELP FROM AMERICA.

Washington, April 28.  
It is officially indicated that America will finance the Entente to the extent at least of eighty, and possibly a hundred, millions sterling monthly."

It is estimated that the monthly needs of Great Britain are forty-five, France twenty-two, Russia twenty, and Italy ten millions sterling."

A tentative programme provided that practically every dollar advanced will be spent in the United States on food, munitions, etc."

## BRAZIL PROVIDES SHIPPING FACILITIES.

Rio de Janeiro, April 28.  
Congress, which opens on May 3rd, will decree, that a state of war with Germany exists, the confiscation of interned ships, and the opening of all Brazilian ports to the Allies."

## POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FROM LIBERIA.

London, April 28.  
It is most probable that Liberia will join the Allies in eliminating German trade and influence in West Africa and in finally suppressing the transmission of German wireless news there."

## PORTUGUESE ACTIVITY.

London, April 28.  
The new Portuguese Premier, Senhor Affonso Costa, states that a strong expedition will shortly disembark at Mozambique to co-operate in the complete defeat of the Germans in East Africa. The Premier also announced the arrival of Portuguese troops in France."

## BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

London, April 28.  
There is an increase in exports of £6,513,012 and a decrease in imports of £5,001,824 compared with March last year."

## THE IMPENDING ITALIAN OFFENSIVE.

London, April 28.  
Reuter learns from an authoritative Italian source that the Anglo-French offensive has destroyed the Austro-German hopes of invading Italy. The enemy are now anxiously awaiting the Italian offensive, for which the most elaborate preparations have been made. Bad weather so far has delayed operations but it is certain that General Cadorna will choose the most favourable opportunity for a smashing blow which may decide the issues of the war in the Near East."

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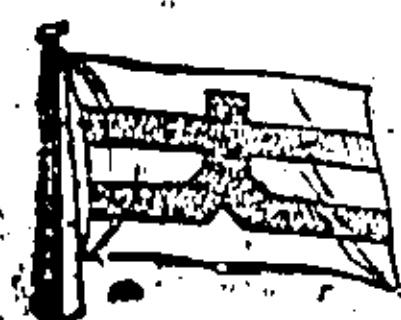
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FORMOSAN LINE:—For Tamsui, Keelung, Anping and Takao, via Swatow and Amoy.

"KALIO MARU".....Sunday, 6th May, at Noon.

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SHANGHAI	SHANTUNG	May 3, at 4 p.m.
TIENSIN	KUMOW	May 8, Daylight
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KOBE & MOJI	YAMASAKI	WEDNESDAY, May 3, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	LEISANG	FRIDAY, May 4, Daylight.
SHANGHAI	CHOSANG	FRIDAY, May 4, Daylight.
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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by—

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## To-day's Advertisements

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Liquidators of Messrs. J. & Co. in pursuance of an order of the Hongkong Government to sell by Public Auction at 12 o'clock (noon) on

## TUESDAY,

the 31st day of July, 1917, at his Sales Rooms, DUNDAL STREET, THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situated at The Peak, Hongkong, and being Rural Building Lot No. 10.

The property consists of:—  
The piece or parcel of ground and premises known as "Lysiphoi" 104 The Peak, situated near Mount Gough in the Colony of Hongkong with an area of 12,000 square feet and registered in the Land Office as Rural Building Lot No. 10.

The lot is held for the unexpired term of a term of 10 years created therein by an indenture of Crown Lease dated the 31st day of April 1891.

The Annual Ground Rent is \$55.00.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, Solicitors for the Liquidators, or to the undersigned.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 30, 1917. 1748

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Company's Steamship, "KATORI MARU," having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWNS COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, packed by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 5th May, 1917, will be subject to rent.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, April 30, 1917. 1747

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (on account of the concerned),

## SATURDAY,

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Consisting of:—  
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Also  
Sun Hats and a few Rain Coats.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 30, 1917. 1748

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Hon. The Harbour Master to sell by Public Auction,

## SATURDAY,

the 5th May, 1917, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of The House Street.

Two Cases of "ELECTRIC DETONATORS".

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Hongkong, April 30, 1917.

On London—Bank Wire—2/4 3/4

On Demand—2/4 11/16

30 days sight—2/4 11/16

4 months sight—2/4 15/16

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On Paris—On demand—2/4 11/16

Credit, 4 months sight—2/4 11/16

On New York—On demand—56 1/2

Credit, 90 days sight—56 1/2

On Bombay—On demand—nom.

On Calcutta—On demand—nom.

On Singapore—On demand—101 1/2

On Manila—On demand—113 1/2

On Shanghai—On demand—nom.

20 days sight (private paper)—nom.

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Hongkong, April 25, 1917. 1573

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HOUSES in Broadwood and Moreton Terraces.

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Hongkong, April 30, 1917. 1748

## TO LET.

FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES in Gordon Terrace and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon.

A FLAT in Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

Kowloon Marine Lot 48 with wharf area 58,000 sq. ft., suitable for coal storage or erection of godowns.

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Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1917.

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Hongkong, April 11, 1917. 1800

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Hongkong, April 30, 1917.

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Do 4 P.M. 68.0

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Do (Wet bulb) 4 P.M. 60.0

Maximum 68.0

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